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LOK SABHA

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RESIDENTIAL/ NON-RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS FOR SCHEDULED CASTES CHILDREN
Majhi Shri Parsuram

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the essential requirements to get grants-in-aid for residential/non-residential schools for children belonging to Scheduled Castes;

(b) whether a Non-Governmental Organisation which is only two years old can apply for a grant to start a project for building new Schools;

(c) if so, the details of documents to be submitted through the State Government in this regard;

(d) the details of projects/proposals received during the current year and their present status; and

(e) the reasons for not clearing the projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in answer to parts (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 206 for 29.11.2007 by Shri Parsuram Majhi regarding `Residential/Non-Residential Schools for Scheduled Castes Children`.

(a), (b) & (c): In order to be eligible for assistance under the scheme `Grant-in- Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for Scheduled Castes`, an organization should meet the following main requirements:

(a) Registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) or any relevant Act of the State/Union Territory; or

(b) A public trust registered under the law for the time being in force; or

(c) A charitable company licensed under Section 25 of the Companies Act,1958; or

(d) Indian Red Cross Society or its branches; and or

(e) Any other public body or institution having a legal status of its own;

(f) The voluntary organization should have been registered for, at least two years, at the time of applying for grant under the scheme.

(g) It is not run for profit to any individual or a body of individuals.

Guidelines for assisting NGOs/Voluntary Organisations issued by the Ministry prescribe that the Voluntary Organisations should have been actively working in its sector for a period of 2 years. Applications in prescribed proforma alongwith registration, recognition, Memorandum of Association, statements of accounts, annual reports, the statistical data, etc should be submitted duly accompanied with the recommendations of the Grants-in-Aid Committee of State Govts. All new proposals are evaluated by the Screening Committee, which adopts certain criteria for processing and recommending them.

(d) and (e) : The number of proposals relating to schools received during the current year, their present status and reasons for not clearing the projects are given in the following table:

Type of projects	No.of proposals received	No.of proposals recommended by the Screening Committee	No.of proposals not cleared by the Screening Committee	Reasons for not clearing on which the decision has been deferred

Residential Primary School	5	1	3	1
Residential Secondary School	1	0	1	0
Non-Residential Primary School	11#	0	9	0
Non-Residential Secondary School	0	0	0	0

The projects have not been cleared mainly for one or more of the following reasons:-

(i) Project not in existence at the time of inspection.

(ii) Inadequate Infrastructure

(iii) School not recognized by the State Govt.

(iv) Rural SC female Literacy rate of the district being more than 30% .

Two cases were not placed before the Screening Committee, as they were not recommended by the Grants-in-aid Committee constituted by the respective State Governments.